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Alleged hardship to the mufassal applicants to the Hobart Muhammadan Training School, Madras.

* 728 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that selection for admission into the Hobart Muhammadan Training School at Madras is conducted only at Madras, and that all applicants from all over the Presidency are required to go to Madras for the purpose;

(*b*) whether he is aware that great hardship is felt by poor Muslim girls in going to Madras from distant places for the selection, examination, etc., both on account of their poverty and their social conditions and habits;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a large number of deserving girls do not get themselves selected owing to the present system of selection being held at Madras and on account of their financial and social position; and

(*d*) whether he proposes to take early steps to arrange for the holding of selection for admission into the Hobart Muhammadan Training School for Girls, in future, in district centres and remove the obstacles in the way of mufassal girls being selected in larger numbers?

A.—(*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The Government have no information. A report will be called for.

Hostel for Muslim girl students in the City of Madras.

* 729 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal for the construction of a hostel for Muslim girl students in the City of Madras by the Government; and

(*b*) if not, whether the Government will consider the necessity and desirability of constructing a suitable hostel for Muslim girls, both collegiate and non-collegiate, in the City of Madras with due regard for Muslim social customs and manners?

A.—(*a*) No.
(*b*) Yes.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—"May I know whether, if there is sufficient strength, the hon. the Minister will propose to have a hostel for Muslim girls in the city?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I shall have that matter considered".

(730 Q.—Please see page 259 infra).

Local Boards

Cancellations of the elections of the Presidents of the Tadepallegudem and Tanuku Taluk Boards.

* 731 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state why the elections of the Presidents of the Tadepallegudem and Tanuku Taluk Boards were set aside and whether it is due to the fact that there were not sufficient number of members to support the Swarajist candidates?

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A.—The Government cancelled the elections of the Presidents of the Tadepallegudem and Tanuku Taluk Boards said to have been held on 2nd June 1927 and 30th May 1927, respectively, after the postponement of the meetings summoned on these dates by the temporary presidents. The reason for the cancellation was that the elections held under such circumstances were in the opinion of the Government not valid.

Nominations to the Bhimavaram, Ellore and Narsapur Taluk Boards.

* 732 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state why three more members were nominated on the 28th June 1927 to the Bhimavaram Taluk Board, six more to the Ellore Taluk Board and four more to the Narsapur Taluk Board when the first nominations to these reconstituted boards were made on the 3rd May 1927?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clause (*f*) of question No. 301 on 27th August 1927.

Nominations to the Tanuku Taluk Board.

* 733 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) why five more members were nominated to the Tadepallegudem Taluk Board on the 28th June and nine more to the Tanuku Taluk Board;

(*b*) by whom these names were recommended and how the gentlemen were found fit for nominations to these boards;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that elections to presidentships of these two boards were alleged to have taken place before these nominations were made; and

(*d*) whether it is with a view to facilitate the chances of particular candidates for the presidential election to be held again that these nominations were made?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clause (*f*) of question No. 301 on 27th August 1927.

(*b*) The nominations were by the President, District Board, West Godavari. The Government have no information of the tests of fitness which he applied.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

Enquiry into the alleged interest of some district board members in subsisting contracts of the board.

* 734 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether an enquiry has been held with reference to the alleged interest of certain members of the Salem District Board in subsisting contracts of the board; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House the report of the Inspector of local bodies?